

REMARKS

Initially, applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to recite the features of original claim 4. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) on Applicant's Admitted Prior Art ("AAPA") in view of Lahr (U.S. Patent No. 3,442,582). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As noted above, applicant has amended claim 1 to recite all of the features of original claim 4. Claim 1 is therefore allowable. Claims 2, 3 and 5-7 depend from claim 1 and are allowable due at least to their respective dependencies.

Applicant has amended claim 8 to independently recite all of the features of original claim 1. The Examiner rejected claim 8, asserting that applicant did not disclose an advantage to using a "first light source [having] a pole configuration with a polygonal cross-section," as recited in claim 8, and therefore did not give patentable weight to the features of claim 8. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Paragraph [0054] of applicant's specification clearly discloses that using a light source having a pole configuration reduces the warping of an image that occurs when a round light source is offset along a scanning path. Accordingly, all of the features of claim 8 should be given patentable weight, and claim 8 is allowable.

Applicant has amended claim 9 to recite features substantially similar to those of claim 8 detailed above. Accordingly, claim 9 is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 8. Claim 10 depends from claim 9 and is allowable due at least to its dependency. Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are allowable.

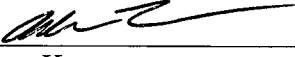
Applicant solicits an early action allowing the claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. **325772032600**.

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